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Subject: "How much do we have to pay you to screw Netscape?"

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Re: Justice Rejects Microsoft Penalty

- > Critics... have said the settlement announced Nov. 2
- > is inadequate and charged that the company will be
- > able to bypass many of the sanctions because of
- > vague language.

The Microsoft Monopoly Menace will exploit any vague language in the settlement. You're dealing with the most hardcore there is. The federal government can't enforce those sanctions effectively because it has no software expertise. The chameleon nature of software allows the Menace to morph it's products into something that can slip through your fingers. It is against the will of We The People to pay us lip service with the settlement with lesser intentions to enforce it. This case is hugely symbolic. Harvard Business School Press is ready to publish a dozen pulp mills worth of books on the market hammerlocking strategies of "america's favorite entrepreneur" after you bless it with this failure to enforce the Sherman Acts, ensuring deception and hegemony as not only the strategy du jour but urgently required to maintain the confidence of financiers.

The game gets shoved right into the mafia realm. If you care about truth and justice you have to pretend you don't notice the Menace. You have to lie to your students, let them learn the truth out in the "real world". You have to lie to yourself. And lie to everyone else while you refuse to face the fire and deal with the problem that the Menace defines with crystal clarity. Gates practically shouted out: "How much do we have to pay you to screw Netscape? This is your lucky day" and you failed to rise to the challenge. This has been the federal government's opportunity to continue it's critical role in steering industry. Uncle Sam made aviation happen, and the radio, telephone, transistor, UNIX, and the internet. The government steers while imbecile corporations push like oxen. You could have created an open standard PC OS instead of passing IBM's monopoly torch to the Menace. It's a delusion to think the free market can steer itself - it just crashed through so-called "Windows".

You don't allow corporations to block sections of the public library for competitive purposes do you? Technical progress must flow unfettered just like your interests and ideas flow unfettered. Microsoft, Intel, Texas Instruments are all guilty of keeping great technologies out of the mainstream for stockholder benefit. This is flat insane. The armies of developers who had to adjust to those wildly inferior technologies represents a great cancer.

Monopolists commandeer the common sense of competition on the merits, and replace it with the hammerlocking of markets. There is an upper limit on the power allowed corporations before their abuse outweighs any benefits. Remember, corporations are the people's beasts of burden. When they start running off the row, they lose their reason for being, and must be retired.

There are great efficiency benefits from placing the commodity OS into the public domain where it belongs. It takes government regulation out of the loop, raising it's standing with the people. You get respect when you adhere to principles. Conservatives might be accurately accused of create dysfunction within government in order to turn the people against it. This is extremely dangerous as the corporation fills in the void and wreaks havoc. The corporation is a vice like war or even tobacco and alcohol. It's success is measured directly by it's exploitation of customers and employees. The only sustainable way to implement the concept is to limit it's power so as to reap the benefit of economy of scale without letting it rape and pillage society.

The great big back hole that is M\$ Windows will continue sucking in all software functionality until it's devoured the entire telecommunications and computing infrastructure. Yeah, like the profit motive steered

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the development of the telephone and transistor. Like hell. Progress requires sorting out what is appropriate and what's not. The Microsoft Monopoly Menace dictating the rules of the game is not appropriate. The federal government must define the rules of the game for the new century. Get with it.



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